(d) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir. The Union Government have not provided Central Assistance/grants to Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation during the last 3 years.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[English]

Utilisation of Airports in Gujarat

3425. SHRIMATI BHAVNABEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the airports in Gujarat like Keshod, Kandla, Porbander and Rajkot are not being used by any airlines in public or private sectors;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government to make full use of these airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c). No, Sir. NEPC Airlines operates to Keshod, Kandla, Porbandar and Rajkot. Indian Airlines operates to Rajkot.

[Translation]

Telephone facilities with STD to Gram Sabhas

3426. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have provided telephone facilities with STD to Gram Sabhas in the country;

(b) if so, the number of 'Gram Sabhas' have been provided this facility during 1994-95, 1995-96; and

(c) the target fixed for providing this facility to the gram Sabhas during 1996-97 and the achievements made so far?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) There is no separate policy for providing STD facility to Gram Sahbas of the country. Such facility is given on public telephones installed in villages including Gram Sabhas wherever there is a demand and technical feasibility exists.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of House.

[English]

Janvani as Jan Adalat

3427. DR. M.P. JAISWAL:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the programme 'Janvani' is being telecast on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this programme has been rechristened as 'Jan Adalat' and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Modern Techniques for Mineral

3428. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Airborne Geophysical Survey is required to locate the vast and a noble metals in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any foreign company in collaboration with Indian companies has applied for such survey;

(d) if so, the details therefor;

(e) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has sent any proposal to enable locations of minerals through modern techniques including airborne survey;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

An area of 30,140 sq. km. was covered under 'Operation Hard Rock' (Electro-magnetic), some parts of Rajasthan was also covered by the BRGM/CGG Surveys during 1971-72. GSI has covered 93,674 sq. km. area in Rajasthan through multisensor aerogeophysical surveys. Follow-up ground surveys for evaluation of airborne geophysical anomalies as well as investigation for base-metal and precious metals (gold) are in progress.

During F.S. 1995-96, investigation for gold was undertaken in Manpura-Sanjola and adjoining areas of Udaipur, Banswara and Durgapur districts of Rajasthan.

During F.S. 1996-97 surveys in parts of Bundi, Sawai Madhopur and Bharatpur districts besides in Kakalwar-Salgiswas area in parts of Dioli and Toda Rai Singh Tehsil, Tonk district are being planned.

(c) to (g). Government of Rajasthan has submitted an application of M/s. C.R.A. Exploration Ltd. (Australia), New Delhi in collaboration with M/s. Associated Cement Companies (ACC) for Airborne geophysical survey for lead, zinc, copper, gold and associated minerals. The Government of Rajasthan has been advised that the M/s. CRA Exploration Ltd. may approach the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for necessary clearance in the first instance.

The Broken Hill Proprietary Company Ltd. (BHP) (Australia) has proposed to collaborate with Geological Survey of India (GSI) for acquisition and processing of Airborne Geophysical data in Rajasthan. The modalities of co-operation between GSI and BHP Ltd. have not yet been finalised.

[Translation]

Tourist Centres

3429. SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of tourist centres situated in Padrauna and Deoria districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to allocate funds during the current financial year for extension and beautification of Kushinagar-Narvan place of Lord Buddha;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the State Government also propose to allocate funds for construction of 100 K.M. road linked to Kushinagar with Didweshwar Nath Majhauli Raj tourist centre situated in the Deoria district;

(e) whether the Union Government propose to allocate funds for the development of Didweshwar Nath Majhauli Raj tourist centre;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) Didweshwar Nath Majhauli Raj and Dugdheshwar Nath in Padrauna and Deorahababa Ashram in Deoria district are the places of tourist importance.

(b) and (c). Kushinagar-Narvan forms part of Buddhist Circuit in the State of U.P. which has been taken up for development through the externally aided project of OECF (Japan). Under this Project, land scaping, electricity supply schemes, water supply schemes and telecommunication schemes have been taken up.

(d) No, such proposal is under consideration with the Department of Tourism, Uttar Pradesh.

(e) to (g). The State Government has not submitted any proposal to the Department of Tourism, Government of India for development of Didweshwar Nath Majhauli Raj tourist centre. The State Government has taken up the work of development through their district plan.

[English]

Production of Stainless Steel

3430. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of steel plants producing stainless steel, State-wise locations thereof;

(b) whether the proposal to set-up some stainless steel plants are pending with the Union Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to clear such proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) The State-wise details of the industrial units borne on the list of Development